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## Research Interests

European Union, Migration, Public Opinion, Solidarity, Representation.

## Current Position

- **National Scientific Habilitation (ASN) Associate Professor**  
**Scientific Field 14/A2 - Political Science Until 12/12/2034**
- **From September 2023**  
**Researcher at the Istituto di Ricerche sulla Popolazione e le Politiche Sociali** of the **National Research Council** working on the **FOSSR** project.  
**Main tasks:** Support of the research team designing the first Italian Online Probabilistic Panel (IOPP); questionnaires design; data analysis; contribution to the writing and publication of research briefs, reports, and scientific papers.
- **Academic year 2023/2024**  
**Adjunct Professor for the course “Data analysis”** (3CFU, 20 hours), undergraduate course held within the International Politics, Law, and Economics degree at the University of Milan. The course provides the tools and the skills for retrieving, analysing and visualising relevant data and information using spreadsheets.

## Previous Academic & Professional Experiences

- **January 2018 - September 2023**  
**Post-doctoral Research Fellow at REScEU Project**, University of Milan.  
The project funded by the European Research Council (ERC) and led by Professor Maurizio Ferrera investigates the interplay between nation-based welfare states and the European Union.  
**Main tasks:** Support of the research team with the design of surveys; data analysis using multivariate statistical techniques; contribution to the writing and publication of short research briefs and scientific papers.

- **February - March 2022**

Research assistant for Fondazione Feltrinelli (Milan).

**Tasks:** Data analysis of survey data for the *Progetto Agenda Partecipata dei Territori*.

- **March - August 2021**

Research assistant for Percorsi di Secondo Welfare (Milan).

**Tasks:** Design of an expert survey for the *Quinto Rapporto sul secondo welfare*.

- **April - May 2019**

Research assistant for the EUandI2019 voting advice application of the European University Institute (EUI).

**Tasks:** Coding of Italian parties' policy positions.

- **November 2017 - January 2018**

Research assistant at Progetto SELDI based at the *University of Siena*. The project aimed at creating a new database matching electoral and census data at the micro-level for Italian constituencies.

**Main tasks:** data analysis to find techniques to geotag polling stations; analysis of the new Italian electoral law, and preparation of electoral simulations.

- **September 2015 - December 2017**

Research Associate at ResponsiveGov, University of Leicester (until September 2017) and Sciences Po Paris.

ResponsiveGov was a five-year (2012-2017) research project funded by the ERC under its 7th Framework Programme. The project, led by Professor Laura Morales, investigates to what extent democratic governments respond to citizens' demands and preferences between elections.

**Main tasks:** collecting and processing of data; documenting research findings; hiring, training, and supervising coders; responsible for inter-coder reliability; writing and publication of research briefs and scientific papers.

- **2016**

Research assistant for the ECPR Research Network on Voting-Advice-Applications. Coder for the Database Project.

**Tasks:** Coding and managing of data.

- **2016**

Member of the Athena Swan Committee at the Department of Politics and International Relations of the University of Leicester to encourage and recognise commitment to advancing the careers of women in higher education and research.

**Tasks:** Design of a departmental survey on gender equality.

- **Fall Semester 2014/2015**

Graduate Research Trainee at the Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, McGill University, Montréal.

**Tasks:** Visiting semester.

- **2014**

Research assistant for the Italian Law-Making Archive.

**Tasks:** Gathering of data on the Italian legislative process through different web scraping techniques, and codification. Coordinators of the project: Professor Marco Giuliani and Professor Francesco Zucchini.

- **January - June 2014**

Project leader of Votematchitalia.eu, the ITANES voting match application for the 2014 European elections.

**Tasks:** Website design, gathering and codification of Italian party manifestos, updating of the content management system for the voting advice application.

- **2013**

Research assistant for the ITANES voting match application for the 2013 Italian general elections.

**Tasks:** Codification of Italian party manifestos.

- **April - August 2008**

Internship at Società Equilibri srl as International Relations Analyst for Desk Europe.

**Tasks:** Writing of analyses and reports on the economics and politics of European countries.

## Previous Teaching Activities

- **Academic year 2022/2023**

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR of “Data analysis” (20 hours) within the bachelor degree International Politics, Law, and Economics, Università degli Studi di Milano.

- **Academic year 2022/2023**

**Teaching Assistant for the course “Sistemi Politici e Amministrativi”** (20 hours), undergraduate course held within the *Management Pubblico e della Sanità* degree at the University of Milan.

- **Academic year 2021/2022**

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR of “Data analysis” (20 hours) within the bachelor degree International Politics, Law, and Economics, Università degli Studi di Milano.

- **Academic year 2021/2022**

TEACHING ASSISTANT to the undergraduate course “Comparative Politics” (15 hours), Università degli Studi di Milano.

- **Academic year 2021/2022**

TEACHING ASSISTANT to the undergraduate course “Sistemi politici e amministrativi” (10 hours), Università degli Studi di Milano.

- **Academic year 2020/2021**  
 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR of “Data analysis” (20 hours) within the bachelor degree International Politics, Law, and Economics, Università degli Studi di Milano.
- **Academic year 2020/2021**  
 TEACHING ASSISTANT to the undergraduate course “Sistemi politici e amministrativi” (10 hours), Università degli Studi di Milano.
- **Academic year 2019/2020**  
 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR of “Data analysis” (20 hours) within the bachelor degree International Politics, Law, and Economics, Università degli Studi di Milano.
- **Academic year 2018/2019**  
 INVITED LECTURER on “Who gets represented? Mass-elites congruence on European solidarity”, within the graduate course “Comparative Politics” held by Professor M. Giuliani at the University of Milan.
- **Academic year 2017/2018**  
 INVITED LECTURER on “The Legislative Representation of Public Opinion Policy Priorities” within the graduate course in Comparative Politics held by Prof. M. Giuliani at the University of Milan.
- **Academic year 2016/2017**  
 TEACHING ASSISTANT in “Italian Political System”, undergraduate course held by Professor P. Bellucci at the University of Siena.
- **Academic year 2015/2016**  
 INVITED LECTURER on “Public Opinion and Policy Agendas”, graduate course “Comparative Politics” held by Professor M. Giuliani at the University of Milan.
- **Academic year 2013/2014**  
 TEACHING ASSISTANT in “Methodology of Social Research”, undergraduate course held by Professor P. Bellucci at the University of Siena.
- **Academic year 2013/2014**  
 TEACHING ASSISTANT in “Political Sociology”, undergraduate course held by Professor P. Bellucci at the University of Siena.

## Education

- **PhD in Comparative and European Politics**, University of Siena, 2012 - 2017.  
 Dissertation title: *The Legislative Representation of Public Opinion Priorities. A study of Italian parties, governments, and public opinion policy agendas*. Supervisor: Professor Paolo Bellucci.

- **MA in Economics and Political Science**, *Summa Cum Laude*, University of Milan, 2011. Thesis: *Friction and Policy Change: A Longitudinal Study of Italian Laws After Enactment*. Supervisor: Professor Marco Giuliani.
- **BA in Political Science and European Institutions**, University of Parma, 2007.
- **Erasmus Program**, University of Lapland (Finland), Spring 2006.

## Methods Training

- **Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) in a Nutshell – Approach, Technique & Application**, Professor M. B. Siewert, Goethe University Frankfurt. Department of Social, Political, and Cognitive Sciences, University of Siena, June 2017.
- **Relational Event Models**, Dr M. Tranmer, University of Manchester. National Centre for Research Methods, University of Manchester, 12 October 2015.
- **Managing Legal Resources in the Semantic Web**, organised by Professor M. Palmirani. LEX 2014 Summer School, University of Bologna, Ravenna, September 2014.
- **Introduction to Applied Bayesian Modelling for the Social Sciences, Advanced Bayesian Models for the Social Sciences, Complex Systems in the Social Sciences, Time Series Analysis: Advanced Topics, Mathematics for Social Scientists III, Introduction to R, Introduction to the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Text Processing System**. ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan, June-August 2014.
- **Experimental Methods in Political and Social Sciences**, Professor A. Innocenti. Department of Social, Political, and Cognitive Sciences, University of Siena, May 2013.
- **Bayesian Methods for the Social Sciences**, Professor M. Steenbergen. Department of Social, Political, and Cognitive Sciences, University of Siena, June 2013.
- **Survival and Event History Analysis**, Professor J. Stare. ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, University of Ljubljana, 2012.
- **Introduction to Conceptual History**. Helsinki Summer School, University of Helsinki, August 2009.

## Scholarships and grants

- Progetto ReLId-EU - Rappresentanza, Legittimità e Identità Europee - University of Milan research grant, 2023 (€3,770).
- Progetto SELDI - University of Siena research grant, 2017 (€4,000).
- Italian Law-Making Archive - University of Milan research grant, 2013 (€5,000).
- Full PhD Scholarship (first classified) - University of Siena, 2012-2015 (€13,638 yearly).
- Erasmus Scholarship - University of Parma, 2006 (€600).

## Conferences Organisation

- Panel “Citizens, political actors, and the media facing climate change issues: new avenues of research”, co-chaired with Biancalana, C., Italian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Università di Genova, 14-16 September 2023.
- Workshop “The new priority? Public opinion, politics, and policies in the age of climate change”, Università degli Studi di Milano, 12 May 2023.
- Panel “The EU’s Crises and the Evolving Patterns of Solidarity and Conflict”, co-chaired with Mirò, J., Council for European Studies Annual Conference, ISCTE Lisbon (PT), 29-30 June 2022.

## Conferences Participation

- “Public opinion preferences behind the ‘trilemma’ between economic growth, equity, and ecological sustainability: a conjoint experiment”, SISP Annual Conference, University of Genova, Genova, 16 September 2023.
- “Perceptions of communal loss and support for radical parties”, SISP Annual Conference, University of Genova, Genova, 15 September 2023.
- “Perceptions of communal loss and support for radical parties”, ECPR General Conference, Charles University, Prague (CZ), 6 September 2023.
- “Do concerns about emigration shape voting behaviour across the EU?”, ECPR General Conference, Charles University, Prague (CZ), 4 September 2023.
- “Do concerns about emigration shape voting behaviour across the EU?”, Council for European Studies Annual Conference, University of Iceland, Reykjavik (IS), 29 June 2023.
- “The Russian invasion of Ukraine and the politics of the ‘trilemma’ between economic growth, equity, and ecological sustainability: a conjoint experiment”, Council for European Studies Annual Conference, University of Iceland, Reykjavik (IS), 27 June 2023.

- “Emigration and welfare in the EU: the social consequences of the right to exit”, Workshop “Tackling emigration in EU member states – the welfare dimension”, University of Bremen, 6-7 October 2022.
- “Who does it better? Mapping citizens, voters, and parties on European Solidarity across countries”, SISP Annual Conference, Università la Sapienza, Rome, 8-10 September 2022.
- “A solidarity bias? Assessing the effects of individual transnationalism on social solidarity in the EU”, Council for European Studies Annual Conference, ISCTE Lisbon (PT), 29 June 2022.
- “European solidarity takes the field: testing the dimensional structure of EU political competition after the crisis”, SISP Annual Conference, virtual event, 9-12 September 2021.
- “The electoral consequences of transnationalism in the 2019 European elections”, SISP Annual Conference, virtual event, 9-12 September 2021.
- “A solidarity bias? Assessing the effects of individual transnationalism on social solidarity in the EU”, ECPR General Conference, virtual event, 30 August 2021.
- “EU Politicisation from below: The Effect of Individual Transnationalism on Political Involvement”, Council for European Studies Annual Conference, virtual event, 24-25 June 2021.
- “A solidarity bias? Assessing the effects of individual transnationalism on social solidarity in the EU”, ECPR SGEU Annual Conference, virtual event, 10-11 June 2021.
- “European solidarity as a contested terrain after the crisis: a multidimensional approach”, EGPP Annual Conference, European University Institute, virtual conference, 25-26 February 2021.
- “European solidarity as a contested terrain after the crisis: a multidimensional approach”, Measuring solidarity workshop, GESIS, Cologne, 27-28 January 2020.
- “Who gets represented? Patterns of MP-voter congruence on European solidarity in the core and periphery”, European Political Science Association annual conference, Queen’s University Belfast, Belfast, 19-22 June 2019.
- “Who gets represented? Patterns of MP-voter congruence on European solidarity in the core and periphery”, European Union Studies Association biennial conference, Denver 8-12 May 2019.
- “Who gets represented? Patterns of MP-voter congruence on European solidarity in the core and periphery”, Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago 5-8 April 2019.

- “A tale of two rationales. Vulnerability, transnationalism, and public attitudes towards the EU in the 2018 Italian elections”, SISP annual conference, University of Turin, Torino, 6-8 September 2018.
- “Follow the money. Policy outcomes and campaign financing in Italy”, Italian Political Science Association annual conference, University of Turin, Torino, 6-8 September 2018.
- “For whom the EU tolls? A comparative analysis of European publics and policy agenda representation”, ECPR Joint Sessions - Workshop 13 - Comparative Macro Public Opinion, University of Cyprus, April 10-15 2018.
- “Governing Status and Intra-Party Disagreement in Europe”, ResponsiveGov Final Workshop, Sciences Po Paris (FR), February 19 2018.
- “The Legislative Representation of Public Opinion Priorities: The Italian Nexus”, University of Leicester, March 18 2016.
- “Government agenda-setting in Italian coalitions: An analysis of investiture speeches in Italy 1979-2013”, SISP Annual Conference, University of Firenze, September 12-14 2013.
- “The Evolution of Italian Law”, SISP Annual Conference held at the University of Roma Tre, September 13-15 2012.
- Poster “Comparing Executive Policy Agendas: Investiture Speeches in Spain and Italy”, Annual Conference of the Comparative Agendas Project, University of Reims (France), 12 - 14 June 2012.
- Poster “The Evolution of Italian Law”, Annual Conference of the Comparative Agendas Project, Università degli Studi di Catania, 23 - 25 June 2011.

## Publications

### *Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals*

- Natili, M., Ronchi, S., Visconti, F. (2023). Invisible Social Europe? Linking citizens’ awareness of European Cohesion Funds, individual power resources and support for the EU. *Journal of European Social Policy*.  
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/09589287231210727>
- Visconti, F. (2023). Voting across borders? The electoral consequences of individual transnationalism. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*.  
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2023.2241817>
- Kyriazi, A., Visconti, F. (2023). Free movement and welfare in the EU: the social consequences of the right to exit. *International Migration Review*.  
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/01979183231185096>



- Moise, A. D., Natili, M., Truchlewski, Z., Visconti, F., and Wang, C. (2023). EU Polity Building after the Russian Invasion of Ukraine. *Journal of European Public Policy*.  
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2023.2205442>
- Natili, M., and Visconti, F. (2023). A different logic of polity building? The Russian invasion of Ukraine and EU citizens' demand for social security. *Journal of European Public Policy*.  
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2023.2217228>
- Visconti, F., Kyriazi, A. (2023). A solidarity bias? Assessing the effects of individual transnationalism on redistributive solidarity in the EU. *Journal of European Public Policy*.  
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2022.2153155>
- Visconti, F. (2022). The Europeanisation of deservingness? Attitudes on immigrants' access to welfare before and after Maastricht and the refugee crisis. *European Politics and Society*.  
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/23745118.2022.2113631>
- Pellegata, A. and Visconti, F. (2022). Voting for a social Europe? European solidarity and voting behaviour in the 2019 EP elections. *European Union Politics*.  
doi: [10.1177/14651165211035054](https://doi.org/10.1177/14651165211035054)
- Kyriazi, A., Visconti, F. (2021) The Europeanization of political involvement: Examining the role of individual transnationalism. *Electoral Studies*, 73.  
doi:  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2021.102383>.
- Visconti, F. Pellegata, A. (2021). Giudicare la performance del governo al tempo della COVID-19. *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche*, 2/2021, pp. 219-258.  
doi: [10.1483/101690](https://doi.org/10.1483/101690)
- Pellegata, A., Visconti, F. (2020). Transnationalism and Welfare Chauvinism in Italy: Evidence from the 2018 Election Campaign. *South European Society & Politics*.  
doi: [10.1080/13608746.2020.1834214](https://doi.org/10.1080/13608746.2020.1834214).
- Visconti, F., Pellegata, A. (2020). Representation in hard times: party-voter distance on support for Social Europe in Italy. *Italian Political Science*, vol. 14, n. (3), pp. 188-205.  
Available here.
- Visconti, F. (2018) The legislative representation of public opinion policy priorities in Italy, *Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana Di Scienza Politica*, 307-326.  
doi: [10.1017/ipo.2018.4](https://doi.org/10.1017/ipo.2018.4).
- Borghetto, E., Visconti, F. and Michieli, M. (2017) *Government Agenda-Setting in Italian Coalitions. Testing the Partisan Hypothesis Using Italian Investiture Speeches 1979–2014*, in *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche*, 2/2017, pp. 193-220.  
doi: [10.1483/87214](https://doi.org/10.1483/87214).

## Editor

- Special Issue "The Politicization of Climate Change in Italy" (*Forthcoming*) on *Italian Political Science* co-edited with Biancalana, C., and Ladini, R.
- Debate section "EU Polity Building after the Russian Invasion of Ukraine" (2023) on the *Journal of European Public Policy* co-edited with Moise, A. D., Natili, M., Truchlewski, Z., and Wang, C. doi: 10.1080/13501763.2023.2205442

## Chapter in Edited Volumes

- Visconti, F. and Borghetto, E. (2015) *Governing by revising. A study on post-enactment policy change*, in Conti, N. and Marangoni F. *The challenge of coalition government: The Italian Case*, Routledge, New York. Available here.

## Reviews

- Visconti, F. (2014) *Unveiling the Myth of Central Bankers' Neutrality*. The International Spectator. doi:10.1080/03932729.2014.875831. Review of Adolph, C. (2013), *Bankers, Bureaucrats, and Central Bank Politics - The Myth of Neutrality*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. Available here

## Papers under review or in progress

- Visconti, F. and Pellegata, A., *European solidarity as a contested terrain after the crisis: a multidimensional approach*.  
**Status:** Under review in *Journal of Common Market Studies*.
- Pellegata, A. and Visconti, F., *Who gets represented? MP-voters congruence on European solidarity in the core and periphery*.  
**Status:** Under review in *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*.
- Bernardi, L., Visconti, F., Sabate-Domingo, O. and Morales, L. *Governing Status and Intra-Party Disagreement in Europe*.  
**Status:** Under revision after rejection.
- Visconti, F., *A typology for the study of macro public opinion*.  
**Status:** in progress.
- Fiorelli, C., Visconti, F., and Bellucci, P., *Follow the money. Policy outcomes and campaign financing in Italy*. **Status:** In progress.

## Other publications

- Kyriazi, A., Visconti, F. (2023) , *Transnational experiences and solidarity: inclusion vs. inequality*, Eurac Science Blog, Available here.

- Kyriazi, A., Visconti, F. (2022) , *Trasnationalism fosters more engagement in European politics*, EuVisions, Available here.
- Pellegata, A., Visconti, F. (2021) , *The electoral consequences of European solidarity*, LSE Blog EUROPP, Available here.
- Kyriazi, A., Visconti, F. (2021) , *Trasnational citizens have more engagement with EU politics*, LSE Blog EUROPP, Available here.
- Donati, N., Pellegata, A., Visconti, F. (2021) , *European solidarity at a crossroads. Citizen views of the future of the European Union*, REScEU report. Available here.
- Pellegata, A., Visconti, F. (2020), *Sette su dieci dicono sì al governo. Da oggi il gioco si fa serio*. L'Economia - Corriere della Sera, 4 May 2020. Available here.
- Visconti, F. (2019), *From cosmopolitans to EUpolitans. Citizens' attitudes on welfare before and after Maastricht*. EuVisions, Available here.
- Visconti, F. (2019), *To perceive and to believe: misperceptions about immigration and European solidarity*. EuVisions, Available here.
- Visconti, F., Pellegata, A. (2019), *The REScEU 2019 Mass Survey Codebook*. REScEU Working Paper Series (ISSN 2531-9159), Available here.
- Visconti, F. (2018) *Attitudes towards the EU and solidarity. The REScEU ITANES survey Italian elections 2018*, REScEU Working Paper Series (ISSN 2531-9159), WP n.19 - 10/2018, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano, October 2018. Available here.
- Pellegata, A., Visconti, F. (2018), *The winners and losers of globalisations in the Italian elections*. EuVisions, Available here.
- Pellegata, A., Visconti, F. (2018), *Understanding the Italian vote: a matter of policy agendas*. EuVisions, Available here.
- Visconti, F. (2018) *A dimensional analysis of the four conflicts using REScEU 2016 mass survey attitudinal data*, REScEU Working Paper Series (ISSN 2531-9159), WP n.18 - 05/2018, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano, May 2018. Available here.
- Pellegata, A., Visconti, F. (2018), *Brutti, sporchi e cattivi? Le ragioni dei perdenti della globalizzazione e del voto che cambia tutto*. L'Economia - Corriere della Sera, 9 April 2018. Available here.
- Visconti, F. (2016), *ResponsiveGov Inter-Coders Reliability Documents*, Leicester: ResponsiveGov, Available at: [responsivegov.eu/data](https://responsivegov.eu/data)
- *La nuova classe politica in Europa*, CiRCAP Research News 2014, editor Luca Verzichelli, Available at: [Circap Research News](https://circap-researchnews.com), Siena.

## Reviewer

- *British Journal of Political Science, Party Politics, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Public Policy, Italian Political science, Italian Journal of Electoral Studies.*

## Associational Membership

- Italian Political Science Association (SISP), 2012–Present.

## Skills

### Languages

- Italian: Native.
- English: Proficient.
- French: Basic.

### Software

- *Data Analysis and Management:* **R** (Advanced), STATA (Advanced), SPSS (Beginner), Microsoft Office (Advanced).
- *Other:* L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Outwit Hub, XML, SPARQL, web-scraping and web-design techniques.

## References

Available upon request.

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## Signature



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